

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

March 4, 2002  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; SUE CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; JUDGE TERRY JURADO, Municipal Court; JOE MCGUIRE, Municipal Court Services Director; KAREN BERGSVIK, Human Services Manager; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**  
Municipal Court: 2001 Annual  
Report

Municipal Court Services Director Joe McGuire and Municipal Court Judge Terry Jurado presented the annual report on Renton's Municipal Court. Judge Jurado thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the court, particularly for allowing the court to establish a probation department with a full-time probation officer.

Mr. McGuire reviewed the court's expenditures and revenues for 2001, pointing out that the court saved \$56,874 of its budgeted expenditures. He stated that the number of case filings increased slightly from 2000 due to heavy traffic and parking enforcement activity during the first five months of the year. Mr. McGuire reported that future plans for the court include recording the court proceedings digitally instead of by audio tape, and the holding of hearings via video conferencing.

Responding to Council inquiry regarding the re-licensing program, Judge Jurado explained that the Renton Municipal Court has established a program that will work in concert with efforts of other courts in King County and the State to address the problem of court cases filed against defendants for Driving While License Suspended (DWLS). This program allows qualified defendants to enter into a time payment plan with the court for outstanding fines. The failure-to-appear notices that restrict defendants from obtaining their drivers licenses are cancelled, allowing the defendant to become re-licensed to drive. Expressing his pleasure with the success of the program, Judge Jurado noted that the program has resulted in a decrease in outstanding fines, and less stress on the criminal justice system from processing and enforcing multiple warrants.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ On March 1st, the Renton Parks and Recreation Divisions became the first nationally accredited parks and recreation agency in 13 western states. To be accredited, the divisions had to show compliance with 156 challenging standards covering administration, maintenance, programming, natural

resource management, planning, marketing, community relations, risk management, fiscal control, personnel policies, safety and security, research, and evaluation.

- \* Studio East presents StoryBook Theater's *The Ugly Duckling* at Carco Theater on Saturday, March 9th, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and on Sunday, March 10th, 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Evans –  
Return of Recovered Property  
to Rightful Owners

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, reported that at a recent Highlands Community Association meeting at which a presentation was made regarding crime prevention, a question arose concerning the return of stolen property to burglary victims. Mr. Evans inquired as to whether the Police Department returns recovered property to the rightful owners after a burglary case is resolved in court.

Assuring Mr. Evans that every effort is made to return the stolen property, Mayor Tanner stated that he will ask the Police Chief to provide a report detailing the City's procedures for the return of recovered property to the rightful owners. Councilman Clawson and Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington encouraged citizens to take photos of and to etch their drivers license number on personal items in order to assist in the identification and recovery of the items in case they are stolen.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Meeting Minutes of  
February 25, 2002

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Approval of Council meeting minutes of February 25, 2002. Council concur.

CAG: 01-201, Downtown  
Parking Garage Construction,  
E Kent Halvorson Const

City Clerk reported bid opening on 2/21/2002 for CAG-01-201, Construction of Renton Municipal Downtown Parking Garage; eight bids; engineer's estimate \$8,420,715; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, E. Kent Halvorson Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$6,068,457. Council concur.

Community Services: Gene  
Coulon Park Boat Launch &  
Parking Fees Increase

Community Services Department requested approval to increase the Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park boat launch and parking fees. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Court Case: Karen Dobson,  
CRT-02-003

Court case (Petition for Writ of Review) filed in King County Superior Court by Karen Jo Dobson, 3447 Lincoln Dr. NE, Renton, 98056, requesting review of the Renton City Council's final decision approving the St. Claire Preliminary Plat and rezone (PP-01-055) on 12/21/2001, and approving the conjoined rezone Ordinance 4952, adopted 1/28/2002 (effective 2/6/2002). Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Annexation: Falk, S 47th St &  
Smithers Ave S

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended a public meeting be set on 3/18/2002 to consider the 10% Notice of Intent to Annex Petition for the proposed Falk Annexation; approximately 13.66 acres located at the City limits south of S. 47th St. and approximately 300 feet east of Smithers Ave. S., east to 102nd Ave. SE. Council concur.

Finance: 2002 Carry Forward  
Budget Adjustments

Finance and Information Services Department requested approval of the 2002 carry forward ordinance in the amount of \$4,176,313, which appropriates funds from fund balance, increases expenditures in various funds and departments, and increases and adjusts the 2002 Budget. Refer to Finance Committee.

Airport: Security Gate  
Replacement, Fund

Transportation Division requested authorization to use \$50,000 from the Airport Security Improvement funds to replace the gates at the Renton Airport with

Appropriation	electrically operated gates which will provide more security. Refer to <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> .
Special Assessment District: East Kenndale Sanitary Sewer Infill Phase I	Utilities Systems Division requested authorization to establish the East Kenndale Sanitary Sewer Infill Phase I Special Assessment District in the estimated amount of \$857,129.56 to ensure that project costs are equitably distributed to those who benefit. Refer to <u>Utilities Committee</u> .
Utility: NE 2nd St Storm System Extension Project, Add to 2002 CIP	Utility Systems Division requested approval to add the NE 2nd St. Storm System Extension project to the Surface Water Utility Division's 2002 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and to appropriate \$200,000 for the project from the unexpended 2001 CIP fund balance. Refer to <u>Utilities Committee</u> .  MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> Citizen Comment: Crock – Customs Service at Airport	Correspondence was read from Maurice Crock, Sound Flight, Inc., PO Box 812, Renton, 98057, urging the City to keep customs service for seaplanes at the Renton Airport. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE <u>TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.
Citizen Comment: Carlson – Customs Service at Airport	Correspondence was read from Clyde E. Carlson, Northwest Seaplanes, Inc., PO Box 1845, Renton, 98057, requesting that the City provide the necessary facilities to the United States Customs Service for customs service to be restored at the Renton Airport. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE <u>TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.
Citizen Comment: Kotker – Airport Noise Abatement Procedure Changes	Correspondence was read from Dave Kotker, 4339 134th Pl. SE, Bellevue, 98006, expressing disappointment that the Renton Airport voluntary noise abatement procedures would not be changed as recommended by the pilots ad hoc advisory committee. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE <u>TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.
Citizen Comment: Hart/Burton – Off-Leash Dog Park, South King County (SeaTac)	An electronic letter was read from Mary Hart and Tom Burton, 2508 NE 7th St., Renton, 98056, asking that the Council support an off-leash dog park being considered for South King County in the City of SeaTac.  MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE <u>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.  MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ALSO REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE <u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.  Community Services Administrator Jim Shepherd clarified that the proposed park would be a King County regional park located in South King County, and the County is seeking a financial commitment from surrounding cities for the park.
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b> <b><u>Finance Committee</u></b> Lease: Vykor, 200 Mill Bldg	Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the <u>Mayor and City Clerk</u> to sign a lease with Vykor, Inc. to rent the first and fifth floors at the 200 Mill Building. The

(1st & 5th Floors)

term of the lease is for three years, and the cost to remodel the space will be recovered in the rent. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Human Services: 2002 CDBG  
Supplemental Funding Cycle

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report supporting the staff recommendation to have a supplemental funding cycle for the 2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) capital funds in the amount of \$210,857. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry, Human Services Manager Karen Bergsvik described the various methods she will use to notify agencies of the supplemental funding cycle which includes mailing information to past applicants, publishing notices in the newspaper, and posting the information on the City's website.

**ORDINANCES AND  
RESOLUTIONS**

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #4956**

Police: Lewd Conduct  
Ordinance

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 6-18, Penal Code, of Title VI (Police) of City Code by adding a new Section 6-18-18, regarding lewd acts. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4957**

Police: Severability Ordinance

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 6-18, Penal Code, of Title VI (Police) of City Code by adding a new Section, 6-18-19, regarding severability. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4958**

Vacation: Lyons Ave NE  
ROW, Abney-Revard (VAC-  
01-006)

An ordinance was read vacating the easterly 30 feet of the unopened, existing Lyons Ave. NE right-of-way, south of NE 4th St. (Petitioner: Abney-Revard, Inc.; VAC-01-006). MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Community Services: Pavilion  
Building Demolition

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH THE CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE PAVILION BUILDING. CARRIED.

Jim Shepherd, Community Services Administrator, confirmed that the advertisement for the call for bids will be published on March 5th.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:41 p.m.



BONNIE I. WALTON, City Clerk